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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5441

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SUBJECT: SHIPMENT OF HHE OF AMBASSADOR ROBERT G. NEUMANN

FOR AF/M

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1. AMBASSADOR NEUMANN'S AIRFREIGHT CONSISTING OF FIVE PIECES (381 POUNDS) SHIPPED OCTOBER 11 VIA IRAN AIR TO TEHRAN AND FROM TEHRAN TO RABAT VIA ROME. PAA AIRWAY BILL 026-20524630 (ZERO TWO SIX-DASH TWO ZERO FIVE TWO FIVE SIX THREE ZERO).
 2. HHE CONSISTING OF TEN LIFT VANS READY FOR SHIPMENT LAST WEEK. HAVE BEEN GUARANTEED BY CHARLIE BENNETT PERSONALLY THAT THESE VANS WILL DEPART KABUL OCTOBER 19 VIA ARIANA DIRECT TO PARIS AND WILL BE TRANSSHIPPED TO RABAT BY AIR FRANCE OR ROYAL AIR, MAROCO, ARRIVING RABAT ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 24.
 3. DELAY DUE IN PART FACTS (A) ORDERS GIVEN BEIRUT EXPRESS TO PACK ONLY AFTER CONFIRMATION, (B) PACKERS TOOK THREE WEEKS TO BUILD LIFT VANS DUE SHORTAGE OF PLAYWOOD, (C) ARIANA REMOVED ONE OF ITS AIRCRAFT FROM SCHEDULE IN ORDER PARTICIPATE IN BENGALI/PAKISTAN AIRLIFT, (D) DESIRE SINCE OCTOBER 6 NOT TO ROUTE THROUGH BEIRUT COUPLED WITH
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THE LASSITUDE OF RAMAZAN, CUSTOMER BUREAUCRACY AND USUAL

DISARRAY AT AIRPORT.

4. WE PLAN TO SEND DOGS ONE WEEK LATER ON SAME ROUTE.

5. BENNETT WILL CONFIRM EXACT ROUTING AND CONNECTIONS AND
WE WILL SEND FOLLOW-UP TELEGRAM ON OCTOBER 16. LEWIS

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